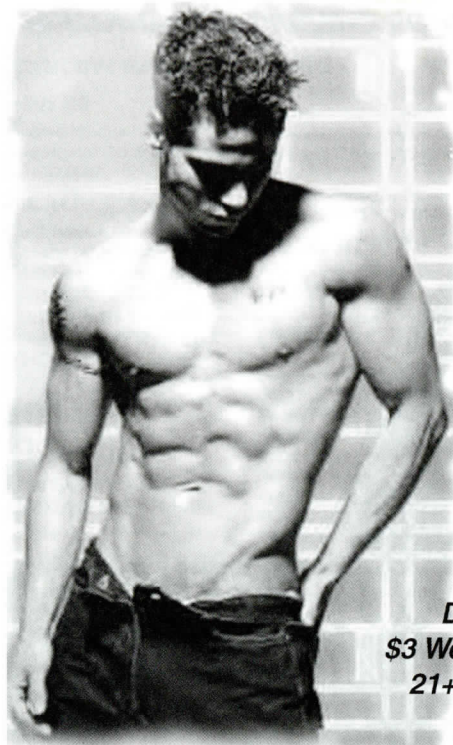




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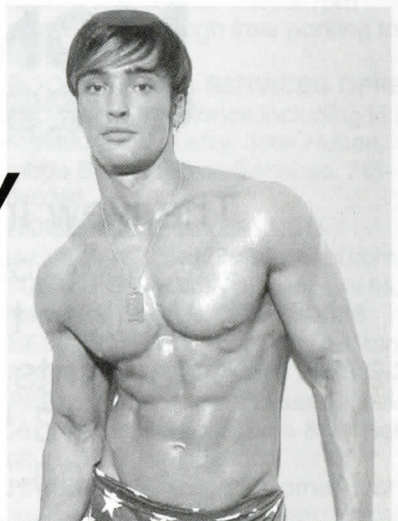
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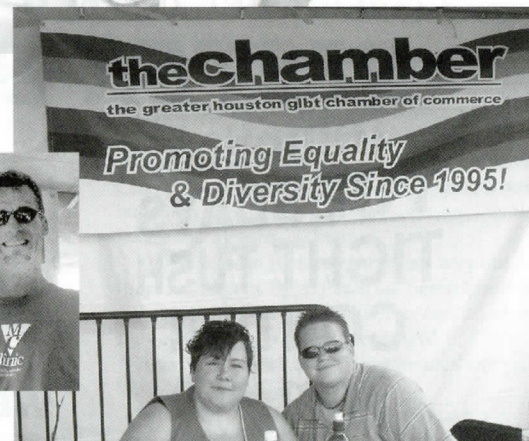
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*Below: Contestants at
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GEM NEWS & BAR TALK

Rainbow Fishing News

And we start off this fine edition of the GEM with news of the New Buccaneer out of Galveston, sailing Sat., July 30, with 20 spots on board reserved for the Rainbow Fishing Club.

To be a part of it, call Lee at 713-498-2741. "Expect a lot of red snapper, king mackerel and shark," says club prez Lee Sirois.

ICOH Campaign

The races for Apollo Emperor and Gemini Empress begin July 15 at E/J's. Candidates will be announced then and it's off to the campaign trail.

The Imperial Court of Houston (Space City Empire) voting will take place August 6 at 3rd Coast Beach Bar in Galveston, August 11 at E/J's and Aug. 13 at the Pride Committee of Houston office. Winners will be announced at the Prince and Princess Ball at Rich's Aug. 30.

To get involved call 713-226-2220.

Rasslin' at Helios

It's the "Dyk-a-Tron" (the cybernetic lesbian from the future), Rumble Steelskin and Ogle, among others, in all-girl hot oil matches 9pm, Fri. and Sat., July 8 and 9, at Helios, 411 Westheimer. It's a Doomsday production (performance art on steroids).

This may be more than you can handle. More info at www.doomsdaytexas.com.

Montrose Guesthouse

Max O'Day is the new owner of what used to be the Montrose Inn and he is, as you read this, cleaning and painting. It needed it. Reopening of "Max's Pad" will be in about three weeks.

That 408 Avondale location is, of course, also the offices of this little magazine.

Misfits on the Patio

The Misfits, a manly and womanly social club, tends bar the third Saturday of each month at the Ripcord. That means they will be on the patio at 9pm on July 16.

Wigged Out Wednesdays

I.C.O.H. hosts Jukebox Heroes every Wednesday at Mary's. This is where you can get up and perform on stage. The catch: You don't know what song you will have to perform to. And starting shortly after 8pm, you'll have time to make a fool of yourself, have the right

amount of cocktails, and get home for a full night of beauty sleep.

And on Tuesdays, tighten up your tush and enter the Tight Tush Contest at Mary's, 9pm. Prizes of \$75 and \$50 will be handed out.

The Streets of Montrose

What's that new magazine from Phoenix? Err, it's some color. Cherry? No, Puce? Anyway. Find a copy and look at their maps of Houston and Galveston. Then look at those here in the GEM. Curves and distortions purposely put into my maps ended up the same in theirs. What are the odds of that?

Anyway, I'm poking fun. Welcome Red.

And Speaking of Maps

There's another publication serving our town with a Houston bar map. And here we go.

The 611 is *not* located on Westheimer. Nor is Santa Fe Bar & Patio at the corner of Grant and Westheimer.

The Rainbow Room (which is way up in North Houston) is pinpointed on their map on Westheimer where the old Rainbow Lounge used to be. (Multiple bars named Rainbow *can* be confusing.) The Rainbow Lounge, also known as Club Rainbow, has been closed for months now, but when they were open they were not located inside the Montrose Diner.

Decades is on Richmond but not way out there near Sears. Briar Patch has been closed for a year but you can still find your way to where they never were, on Montrose Blvd.

And the Guava Lamp is not located out past Washington Avenue.

What cha wanna bet they gonna have a new map next week? Or maybe even in this Friday's edition.

(Now I say all this in fun. Don't get your panties in a knot. It's hard work putting out a newspaper. There is never going to be a time when everything is right, as you know. TXT is a fine, well-produced publication. So go ahead, copy my map. That's what the magazine Red did.)

Cute Boys at Rich's

We all know Rich's has cute boys and hot men but on Sunday afternoons you can see them in their swimming trunks. Yes, Rich's has a pool. Sunday afternoon the splashing starts at 2:30pm with no cover and \$1 vodkas.

Flip the page. I'm not done yet.

July is Not Slow

Well, yes it is. This ain't exactly the holiday season. But wait. Yes it is. Sunday, July 17, 7:30pm, it's Christmas in July at the Brazos River Bottom. It's Miss Alabama's big event of the year.

And on Saturday, July 23, it's Christmas in July at 3rd Coast Beach Bar.

Merrrry Christmas, everyone. Ho, ho ho!

How Santa Got His Laugh

It was late at night at the North Pole. Santa and Mrs. Claus were settling down and all the elves were in their bunkhouse after having spent the day making toys.

Have you ever wondered why all the elves are male?

Anyway, Santa decided to go check on them before turning in.

He opened the bunkhouse door, looked in and said "Ho ... Ho ... er, Ho ..."

You see, the elves were all nakkid, frolicking around, doin' the nasties.

Santa was trying to say "homosexual" but just couldn't get the word out. He's been stuttering ever since.

Dr. Dave's Shop

Opening soon on Rosenberg in Galveston next to Robert's Lafitte will be the Tropical Strap. He'll have leather items plus all kinds of rainbow things. So drop by for an introductory spanking.

Karl Rove and His Boys

The Bush team is about ready to sacrifice Karl Rove, it seems to me.

The leak that provided the name of a CIA undercover operative came from his office. I felt that all along, sensing how he operates.

We knew also that Robert Novak, the conservative columnist, and one of three who were provided that name, and the first one to publish it, is the only one of the three who was not threatened with jail for not revealing their news sources.

So you have two reporters standing on principle and protecting Karl Rove and his boys? And a conservative columnist who spilled the beans without batting an eyelash?

Now a Little Bar Humor

A man staggers into Decades, sits down, notices a very attractive custom beer mug next to him. But he knocks it over. Then he looks down and sees a 5-inch little man crawl out.

"Thank you, you've freed me! I'll grant you three wishes."

"Well, I would like to have my own personal bottomless beer mug, that never runs out."

"Granted!"

Poof, a mug full of beer appears. He starts drinking just to make sure it really is

bottomless. It is.

"You have two more wishes. What would you like?"

"Oh, I really like this bottomless beer mug. I wish I had two more just like it."

Who's Going to the Supreme Court?

Well it won't be John Cronyn, one of our two U.S. Senators, even though Cronyn was once a Texas Supreme Court judge. Why?

Here's one reason. Do you remember how Cronyn got elected? The same way Rep. Joe Barton got elected. Phil Gramm, likewise. And the same way many others have.

The main thing they campaigned with was homophobia. You can do that statewide in Texas and win. But then it's a matter of public record.

They didn't campaign on lower taxes, stronger defense, better educational opportunities for all. Oh, they mouthed all that stuff but what got them elected was their campaign along the lines of "The HO-MO-SEXUALS want special rights. My opponent has the support of the HO-MO-SEXUALS. Vote for me. I'll stop those HO-MO-SEXUALS."

And on that Happy Note

George was driving down Westheimer, maybe going a little too fast, and got pulled over right in front of Mary's.

"What's the rush? You going to a fire?" said the cop.

"No sir, I ah ..."

The policeman looks in George's back seat and sees a bunch of knives.

"What are those knives doing in there?"

"Well, sir, I'm a juggler. And I'm late for my performance. And ..."

"That doesn't sound right to me. I'm going to have to radio this in and maybe ..."

George offered to prove that he was a juggler. And the cop agreed.

Meanwhile at Mary's, someone says, "Hey, ya'll come look at this. What happened to the old 'stand on one leg and count backwards' sobriety test?"

Best Hamburgers in the World

Stella and Joe cook them on Sundays, 4-7pm, at Keys West, with profits benefiting E.R.I.S.C.S.S. They also cook links.

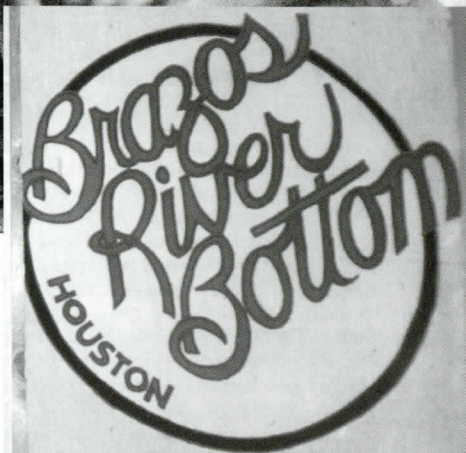
Best Steaks in the World

The Firedancers provide those the first and third Sundays at the Ripcord, 6pm. Next one is July 17. Last Sunday they had corn on the cob cooked in the husk. Yummy.

-Wait! I'm still not done with you. Turn yourself over.

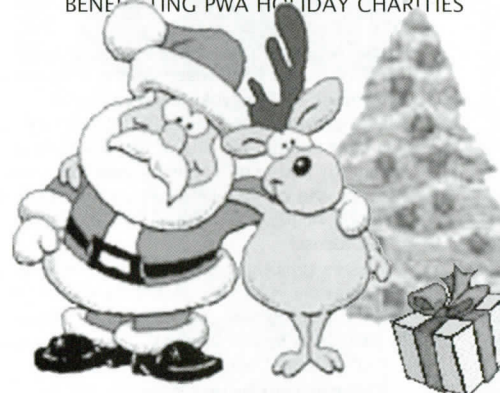


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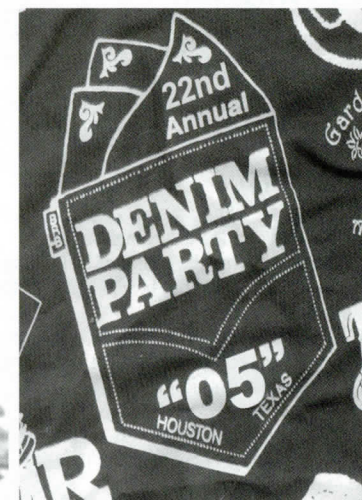


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Lou's 85 Cards

It's like a progressive game of gin. There are 12 rounds. And it is a whole lot of fun for two or a dozen people sitting on barstools. There are usually games going on in the afternoons at BRB, Brick's and Keys West.

It's easy to learn and they'll love to teach you.

Speaking of Brick's, the Flea Market Baron is coming. More on that next issue.

Cocktails in Galveston

Cocktails is the name of a combo piano bar and small disco at 2411 Mechanic, walking distance to Garza's Kon Tiki and Undercurrent.

Galveston's Strand is really becoming a trendy club area to rival, in a smaller way, New Orleans' French Quarter.

NLA Bartends

They do it on the patio the 4th Saturday of each month at Ripcord, 10pm, and the first Saturday at E/J's, 4pm.

You Can Be a Star

Michael's Outpost has open microphone talent competition every Monday, 9pm, hosted by Jame Roberts and Marsha Mellow.

But before that, on Sunday, July 10, ICOH and Fox Faberge are holding Fox's Debutante Ball, 9pm, a benefit for the Montrose Clinic.

A Flying Rat

Batman to Robin: It seems I'm a father.

Robin to Batman: Holy Rubbers, Batman!

(Alternative Robin to Batman: Holy Hormones, Batman!)

Why Are We Called Montrose?

This neighborhood wasn't originally called that. It wasn't called anything.

"Montrose" was the name of a small area I think back in there behind Walgreens. Or somewhere nearby.

Other areas around here included (and are still called) Cherryhurst, Hyde Park, Avondale, Westmoreland and more.

As the neighborhood changed in the 70's from old-family residential to eclectic there became a need to have a name that referred to the overall area.

A publisher back then of a newspaper named Inner-View tried to give us the name Upper Westheimer. She reasoned that since we're kind of in uptown Houston, and the Galleria wasn't, we were in Upper Westheimer.

(These days, this area is, besides Montrose, also called Lower Westheimer, and that's more logical, because of the block numbers.)

Montrose Blvd., being a major street in the middle of it all, became the obvious source for a name to me.

(Of course, I have to brag and take credit for it, but I think I gave us our name. When I started my newspaper, the Montrose Star, I chose to name the newspaper after the street. I just thought Montrose was a pretty street and a good name. It reminded me of a European boulevard.)

After awhile, with my newspaper calling the area "Montrose" and Inner-View calling it "Upper Westheimer," I won the battle of the names.

There are 15 U.S. towns with the name Montrose, the biggest being in Colorado.

Like Montrose, many of the streets in our Montrose were names in Shakespeare's writings.

But Really, Why Montrose?

Here's the oldest mention of Montrose I can find in Encyclopedia Britannica Online. There is a town in Scotland called Montrose that is a North Sea port. It was chartered by David I of Scotland sometime between 1124 and 1153. This is where King Edward I accepted Scotland's surrender in 1296. It was designated a royal burgh by the English in 1352.

One of the first people named (or with the title of) Montrose that I could find was David Lindsey, proclaimed the Duke of Montrose in 1488.

James Graham was proclaimed First Marquis of Montrose in 1644 and he was quite colorful. He was a Scottish Covenanter (one who signs a covenant) who led military attacks on behalf of Charles I against his own Scottish people during the English Civil War. He was defeated, captured and hanged.

Yes, the First Marquis of Montrose was hung.

There were three more James Grahams (sons?) who were named Marquis of Montrose. And then it ended.

But! Now here's a contest waiting to happen. We have the Boy of Montrose, Mother of Montrose, everything of Montrose, even an unofficial Mayor of Montrose (Ray Hill), but we don't have someone holding the title of the royalty actually named by a king of a country with the name Montrose in it. We must revive a royal line of Marquis' of Montrose! Long Live the Marquis of Montrose!

So let's start the contest for the fifth Marquis of Montrose. After the campaigning, the fund-raising, the crowning, we'll hang him, just like the Scottish did. Or we'll just be happy that he's hung.

Let's talk and work out the details.

That was your history lesson for today.

—There's even more. Flip yourself over back the other way.

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Broadway Bound

Aurora's 2nd Annual Broadway Bound, helping the Montrose Clinic, is Friday, June 7, the day most of you read your Montrose GEM. So get over there to Keys West on West Dallas by 7pm.

And then Sunday, 7pm, also at that piano palace on West Dallas (Hey, that rhymes).

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What's happening?

I want you to tell me. I'd love to write about you in the next GEM. Email to montrosegem@yahoo.com. Or call 713-529-2325. If you are a Montrose business, any kind, shop, bar, restaurant, combination tattoo parlor and veterinarian, whatever. We'll write about you here in the favorite gay publication of thousands in Montrose. That will send people through your doors.

-Henry. (I'm really done now. But don't forget to read Helga for your horoscope. She just left her predictions in an hermetically-sealed mayonnaise jar under our front porch. Gonna type those out now.)

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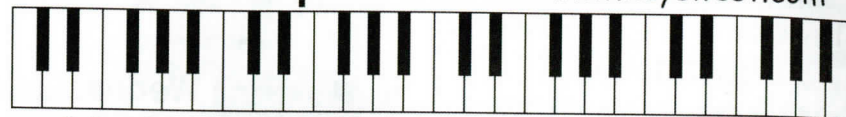
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Sunday, July 10th - 7:00 PM
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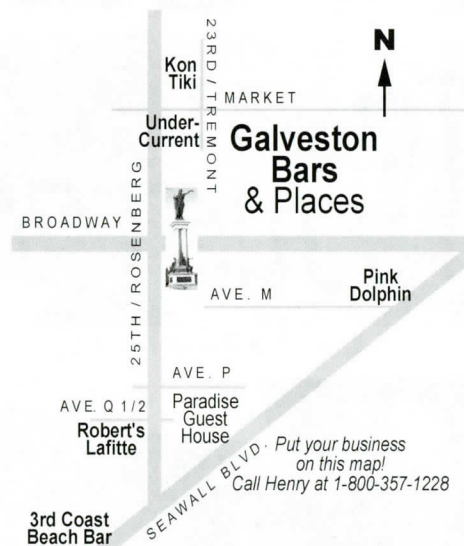
3rd Coast Beach Bar 3102 Seawall Blvd., (409) 765-6911. Now at new location overlooking the Gulf. Frequent shows and dancers.

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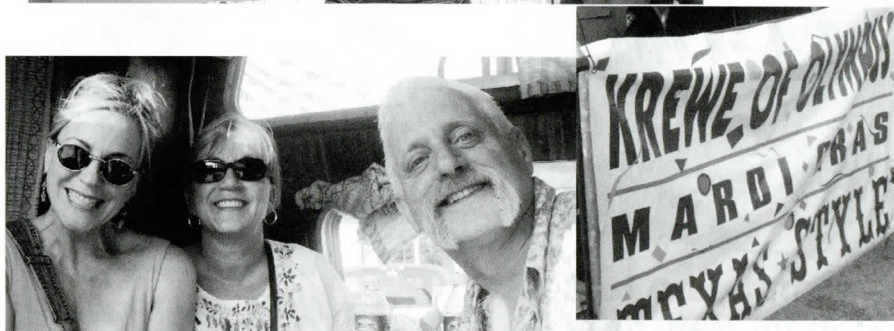
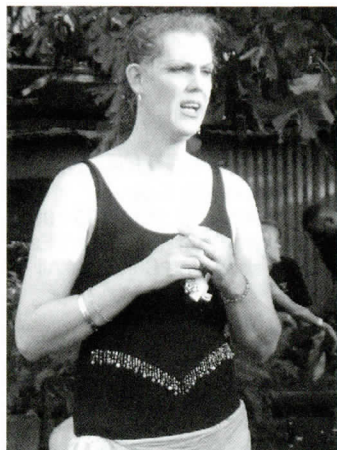
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Top left: Jame hosting the dunking booth at Mary's; Top right: Brian Keever at Leather Forever; Just above: Lips and friends; To the right: Dr. Dave and Jose at Robert's Lafitte for Dave's "27th" birthday.



Capricorn Defines Self

HOROSCOPE by HELGA THE EXALTED ONE
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be careful not to promise too much to too many. Pick your recipient and offer a little less. And there's another one that you are going to work with in a few days.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The world is out there waiting for you. Even though you've tried before to conquer it, try again. Break it down into elements and tackle just one for now: emotions, brains, finances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Patience! One with a secret will approach you shortly. The traveler will confide in you about a subject related to family. And a Sagittarian will move into your picture.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): There's something about smiling that will work for you in late July. You will sense when it is time. You will be observed from afar and when you catch the peeping Tom, smile.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Ambition is what you want right now. And it is easy to obtain because it is all in your mind. Pick two simple projects and follow both through before late July.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): What came out of that meeting you stumbled upon a few weeks back? Do some follow-up. And smell the roses, coffee or salt water.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): "Work hard, fly right" is a Houston airline's motto. It is yours also. And when you're done, you will add "party" to the end of the motto.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): If there is a rose in your path next week, stop and smell. It will be a symbol of romance later that night. And you can hold off that big project one more time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You were a holiday-season baby, with Capricorn, and by age 5 you had figured out the ways to get what you wanted. That is a talent you possess to this day. Helga says this is good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): How do you define yourself? "I go with the flow?" "I'm a speedbump?" "I'm on the horn saying go faster?" Which best fits? Helga wants you to decide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Did you find that dollar on the bar floor like you were destined to? If not, oh well. It's best to look ahead and not down. You did the right thing, although you are now a dollar shorter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take a Capricorn to lunch next week. Think now what you would like to eat. Seafood, Italian or Cajun? (How about taking an Italian out for Cajun seafood?) Your friend will be impressed and may reward you in unspoken ways.

Helga's lottery results from last issue: Zilch. Cumulative: Down \$5. But we're having fun. Here are my lottery picks for July 8 & 9, 2005. Mega Millions Friday: 40, 45, 6, 11, 5. Mega Ball: 45. Megaplier: Yes (always). Lotto Texas Saturday: 3, 24, 34, 35, 20. Bonus Ball: 42.

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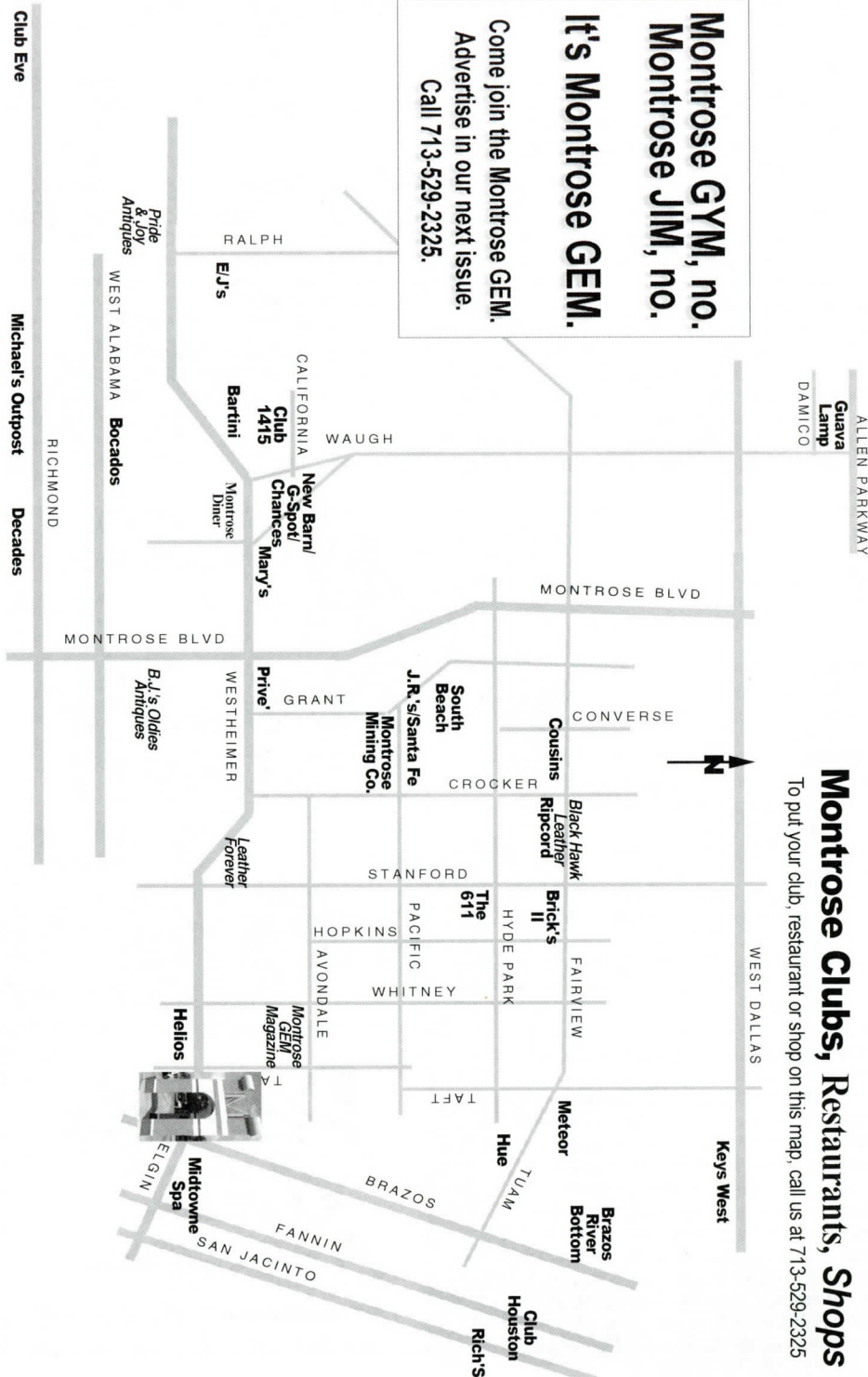
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Chances/G-Spot/New Barn 1100 Westheimer, 713-523-7217. This is the women's mega-complex. Three big clubs, interconnected. Chances opens 2pm. Women's band Sat. nights. Open mic night Thursdays

Club 1415 1415 California, 713-522-7066. Open for theme parties some nights. Male strippers Thursdays. "The Dyke Show" Saturdays with Nancy Ford

Club Eve 2209 Richmond, 713-545-4574. Women's bar Thurs.-Sat. above Azteca restaurant

Cousins 817 Fairview, 713-528-9204. All types of customers, from the retired people to young men. Drag shows Thurs.-Sun. Open 11am (noon Sun.)

Decades 1205 Richmond Ave., 713-521-2224. A neighborhood bar. Open 11am (noon Sun.). Has pool tables, shuffleboard and a good jukebox

E/J's 2517 Ralph, 713-527-9071. Open 7am (10am Sun. with breakfast). Male strippers Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. late night. Frequent drag shows and benefits

Griff's 3417 Roseland, 713-528-9912. Not a gay bar. Irish bar and a neighborhood institution

Guava Lamp 570 Waugh Dr., 713-524-3359. Open daily 4pm. Happy hour 4-8pm, piano playing sometimes, DJ other times

Helios Formerly the Mausoleum, 411 Westheimer, 713-526-4648. Eclectic customers. Slightly gay. House was the home of Howard Hughes as a toddler. Open nightly, every night has a different crowd and atmosphere

Hue 202 Tuam, 713-529-5296. Brand new, the former Union. I don't know what kind of place it is. If you've been there, call me

J.R.'s/Santa Fe 808 Pacific, 713-521-2519. Always a crowd. All types of people but generally younger. Open mid-day on

Keys West 817 W. Dallas, 713-571-7870. A piano bar on the edge of downtown. Open 3pm. Darts, card games drinking, singing and carousing with frequent shows

Lola's 2327 Grant, 713-528-8342. Not a gay bar but a Montrose neighborhood institution

Mary's 1022 Westheimer, 713-527-9669. The oldest gay bar in Texas, open 7am (10am Sun.) Good happy hour crowd. Frequent shows and community events on the patio, especially Sundays

Meteor 2306 Genesee, 713-521-0123. An upper-scale bar. Mixed between gals and guys. Open from late afternoons. Fluffy couches to lounge around in and politic with like-minded people

Michael's Outpost 1419 Richmond Ave., 713-520-8446. Now a neighborhood piano bar. Open 3pm (11am Sat., noon Sun.). Host of many community events

Montrose Mining Co. 805 Pacific, 713-529-7488. A butch bar. Lots of cruising. Crowd, mostly men, is of all ages. Draft beer on the patio

Numbers 300 Westheimer, 713-526-6551. (Not a gay bar.) Hosts occasional gay events

Prive 910 Westheimer, 713-522-2542. Slightly gay sometimes. Great music, good viewing of Montrose & Westheimer from the roof-top patio

Rich's 2401 San Jacinto, 713-759-9606. Mega dance club open 9pm Thurs.-Sun. 18+ some nights. After-hours Fri. & Sat.

Ripcord 715 Fairview, 713-521-2792. Houston's leather bar. Open 1pm with their regulars in the daytime (a bunch of happy people). Man-hunting crowds at night. After hours Fri. and Sat.

Slider's 1424-B Westheimer, 713-528-2788. (Not a gay bar.)

Great daiquiris

South Beach 810 Pacific, 713-521-9123. Major dance club. Open weekends with after hours and sometimes open other nights

Beyond Montrose

within 100 miles (Galveston gay bars and their map are on the Galveston pages, elsewhere this issue.)

Amazonia 11449 I-45 at Aldine Bender, N. Houston, 281-260-9885, 832-244-4354. Latin-flavored dance club with male strippers, impersonators

Chris' Crockett St. Pub 407 Crockett at Park, Beaumont, (409) 835-4243. Your general drinking and flirting kind of bar

Club Big Yo 6305 Skyline, S.W. Houston, 713-953-0268. Women's club open Thurs.-Sun.

Club Xscape 8101 Airport Blvd., N. Houston, 713-454-0775. Ladies night on Wednesdays

Copa 304 Orleans, Beaumont, (409) 832-4206. Dancing and shows

Halo Video Bar 121 N. Main, Bryan, (979) 260-2437

Hooligan's 6025 M.L.K. Parkway, Beaumont, (409) 832-0808. Live house band Rare Faction

House of Finesse 2912 Wentworth, near T.S.U. campus, 713-522-6074. "Casual elegance." Fridays are men's nights

Inergy/Mango

Lounge/Amnesia 5750 Chimney Rock, S.W. Houston, 713-660-7310. Latin-flavored dance club just outside The Loop. Big late crowd, good music. Sunday shows

Ranch Hill Saloon Conroe, (936) 441-6426. Closed & moving, according to website

Rainbow Room 527 Baren Springs, N. Houston, 281-872-0215. Neighborhood bar

Viviana's 5219 Washington, The Heights, 713-862-0203. Primarily Hispanic show bar with female impersonators

Private Social Clubs

Club Houston 2200 Fannin, 713-659-4998. Open 24 hours. Gym, pool, whirlpool, sauna. Private rooms and lockers

Midtowne Spa 3100 Fannin, 713-522-2379. Open 24 hours. Gym, pool, whirlpool, sauna. Private rooms and lockers

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Friday July 8 Aurora's
2nd Annual "Broadway
Bound" benefitting
Montrose Clinic, 7pm,
Keys West

Sunday July 10
Rocky Atwood & Don
Gill presents Loaves
& Fishes, 7pm, for
RMCC church, at Keys
West; plus hamburgers
and links on the patio
benefitting E.R.I.S.C.S.S.

Saturday July 16
Misfits bartend on
Ricpord's patio

Sunday July 17
Christmas in July, BRB,
a "Miss A" production

Sunday July 17
Hamburgers and links
on the Keys West patio
benefitting E.R.I.S.C.S.S.

Tuesday July 19
GLBT Community
Center Night at
Montrose Diner, 6:30pm

Thursday July 21 Full
Moon

Saturday July 23
Christmas in July,
3rd Coast Beach Bar,
Galveston

Saturday July 23
Third Coast Family
presents "Proud to be
an American" for AFH
Stone Soup, 7pm Keys
West

Saturday July 23
NLA bartends on patio
at Ricpord, 10pm

Sunday July 24
Hamburgers and links
on the Keys West patio
benefitting E.R.I.S.C.S.S.

Sunday July 31 22nd
annual Denim Party,
BRB, 5pm-midnight
Aug. 2 GLBT
Community Center
Night at Montrose Diner,
6:30pm

Aug. 6 NLA bartends at
E/J's, 4pm

Aug. 12-14 Lone-Star
boys of Leather 5th
anniversary run

Aug. 14 HMBL pool
players monthly
meeting, 3pm, BRB

Aug. 15-20 Gay Softball
World Series, San Diego

Aug. 16 HMBL pool
players position round

Aug. 19 Full Moon

Aug. 19-20 Sundance
Cattle Co 25th

anniversary at Mary's

Aug. 21 Don Gill's

"Live," BRB
Aug. 21 Gulf Coast
Archives & Museum
history series

Sept. 5 Labor Day

Sept. 11 Patriot Day &
Grandparents' Day

Sept. 17 Miss Camp
America Show

Sept. 18 Full Moon

Sept. 22 First Day of
Autumn

Sept. 25 Misfits Ball

Sept. 30-Oct. 2

TGRA's Space City
Stampede rodeo
Weekend

Oct. 10 National

Coming Out Day

Oct. 10 Columbus Day

Oct. 15 Space City
Empire's Space Odyssey

Ball Enthronement IV,
"Las Vegas in Space,"

Crown Plaza Hotel

Oct. 16 Todd & John
marriage ceremony,
BRB

Oct. 17 Full Moon

Oct. 30 Daylight
Savings Time Ends
(party an extra hour)

Oct. 31 Halloween

Nov. 11 Veterans' Day

Nov. 11-13 Firedancers'
Firedance 19

Nov. 16 Full Moon

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